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Docket No. FOCKE11

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)
FOCKE, Heinz et al.) Group Art Unit: 3721
Serial No.: 09/724,016) Examiner: Tawfik, S.
Filed: 28 November 2000)
For: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR)
PRODUCING HINGE-LID BOXES)
FOR CIGARETTES)

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Atlanta, GA 30308-2216
23 December 2002

Sir:

The *Office Action*, Paper No. 7, from Examiner Sameh Tawfik of Art Unit 3721, dated 21 June 2002, has been received and carefully reviewed. This *Response and Amendment* is timely as 21 December 2002 fell on a weekend.

No new matter is believed introduced by the present *Response and Amendment*. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the pending rejection of the Claims presented in the *Office Action* for the following reasons and remarks, as it is submitted that none of the cited references either alone or in combination teach or suggest the present invention as claimed.

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